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Techniques for Protein Fibers

**PETITION TO ACCEPT COLOR DRAWINGS**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)(1)(i)(A)**

I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is, on the date shown below, being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Dated:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Madam:

1. Applicants petition to enter selected color drawings (e.g. photographs) as "Figures" in the instant case.

2. Attached hereto are two color photographs, in triplicate, on DIN size A4 sheets (21.0 by 29.7 cm.) for examination, copying and archival purposes. Also attached is a black and white photocopy that accurately depicts, to the extent possible, the subject matter shown in these same color photographs.

3. Applicants petition for the inclusion of these color photographs (e.g. Figs. 17 and 18) because these same color images are superior (as compared to black and white images) in projecting detail and contrast of fibers described in selected embodiments of the present invention. Specifically, Applicants believe that color is needed to better illustrate the shape and dimensions of the fibers set out in these selected images.

4. Applicants hereby authorize the debit of \$130.00 to cover the petition fee, set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h), from the U.S. Army Material Command's Patent Office Deposit Account No. *19-2201* . In addition, The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this petition (or credit any overpayment) to the U.S. Army Material Command's Patent Office Deposit Account No. *19-2201* . **An originally executed duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.**

Respectfully submitted,

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